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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/918,895	SCHUH ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/28/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 46-50,53-57 and 61-74.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 21 June 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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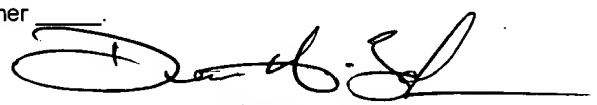
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The amendment filed on February 28, 2005 is sufficient to overcome the prior art reference.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 46-51,53-57,61-74 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record does not disclose or fairly suggest a wood chipping apparatus comprising a knife having two spaced apart and similar projecting interlocking features that project a maximum distance from a plane in combination with the rest of the claimed limitations as set forth in claims 46 and 53.

The prior art of record, Haller et al. discloses a wood chipping apparatus comprising a rotary cutting wheel wherein cutting knives are attached to the cutting wheel (fig. 1) via clamping elements (24,26). Haller discloses chipping knives (28), having interlocking features (50) on the knife backside that are complementary to interlocking features of the clamping element (24,26) so as to securely retain the chipping knife within the clamping element (24). Haller however, does not disclose two spaced apart interlocking features, and instead discloses the knife (28) front side/surface to be flat (52).

The prior art reference, Swartwood discloses a wood chipping apparatus comprising a knife (12) having front and back side (18, 20), the back side having two spaced apart projecting interlocking features (fig. 1) and clamping means (14, 16) for retaining the knife in a rotary

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cutting wheel (fig. 2,3). Swartwood does not disclose any complementary interlocking features between the knife and the clamping means as set forth in claims 46 and 53.

Neither the prior art of record nor any combination thereof discloses the claimed invention as set forth in claims 46 and 53. Accordingly the claims are allowable over the prior art. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shelley Self whose telephone number is (571) 272-4524. The examiner can normally be reached Mon-Fri from 8:30am to 5:00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's Supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached at (571) 272-4419. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9306 for regular and After Final communications.

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